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Ben, thanks for checking. At this point, the best source of information on LD aftertreatment costs, FE penalty, etc should come directly from the manufacturers who are either certifying (Mercedes, VW), or announced plans to certify (Honda, BMW, Cummins) aftertreatment systems in the next few years. I would suggest not contracting that type of work out, but rather trying to gain it directly from the mfrs in the course of your upcoming one-on-ones with them.

Linc put together a useful spreadsheet of all the LD diesel plans we've heard about. We plan to keep this updated as new information becomes available.



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Hi Robin,

We are trying to get a feeling for where ASD is on the state of the industry regarding light duty diesels and especially aftertreatment. Our technology paper is undergoing a major revision, and part of this effort is tied to updated estimates for diesels - namely, fuel economy penalties (if there are any), costs, and outlook for different aftertreatment strategies. Obviously, we want to coordinate with ASD's position for each section of the paper.

We are attempting to get some help from a consultant (TBD) in a few areas, one of which is the diesel picture. Would it be beneficial for ASD if TCD were to obtain a detailed analysis of light duty diesel aftertreatment costs and fuel economy impacts estimates? After talking to Byron he indicated that he didn't know of any new light duty diesel information in ASD (in the past couple of years) but he suggested I check with you to be sure.

Thanks! Ben

